

LIVING WITH ANIMALS

RIGHTS, RESPONSIBILITIES, RESPECT

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"So many people continue to turn away from the ethical issues raised from our violent relationships towards animals. Using literature, pragmatist philosophy, indigenous theories, as well as ecofeminist theory, Erin McKenna directly and carefully addresses these issues. She draws on a robust, salient, and underappreciated feminist tradition and demonstrates its importance."

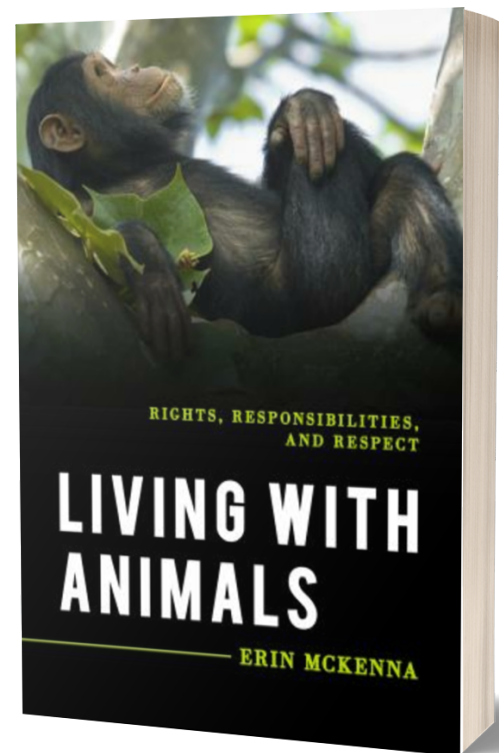
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"With a probing mix of philosophy, anthropology, ethology, and history, McKenna draws strongly on women thought-leaders to argue for a simple idea that, so far, has eluded humanity: we have moral obligations to animals."

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Living with Animals brings a pragmatist ecofeminist perspective to discussions around animal rights, animal welfare, and animal ethics to move the conversation beyond simple use or non-use decisions. Erin McKenna uses a case study approach with select species to question how humans should live and interact with various animal beings through specific instances of such relationships.

Addressing standard topics such as the use of animals for food, use for biomedical research, use in entertainment, use as companions, use as captive specimens in zoos, and use in hunting and ecotourism through a revolutionary pluralist and experimental approach, McKenna provides an uncommonly nuanced accounts for complex relationships and changing circumstances. Rather than seek absolute moral stands regarding human relationships with other animal beings, and rather than trying to end such relationships altogether, the books urges us to make existing relations better.



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